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Applicant : BURGSTALER et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification originally filed, with the enclosed substitute specification. A marked up copy of the original specification is attached. Applicant states that no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 to 8 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit comprising:
a bearing block having mounts; a bolt; and a lever arm arranged in said bearing block pivotably
around an axis of said bolt fixed in said mounts, said bearing block having at least one section
opening or expanding in case of an accident as a consequence of force acting on the assembly